

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 1997-239-C - ORDER NO. 2007-134  
FEBRUARY 28, 2007

IN RE: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate Universal Service Fund (USF). ) ORDER GRANTING  
 ) PETITIONS TO  
 ) INTERVENE OUT OF  
 ) TIME

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of Petitions to Intervene Out of Time (Petitions) in the above-captioned proceeding from NuVox Communications, Inc. (NuVox) and Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc. (CompSouth). This proceeding was initiated in May 1997 to address various issues connected with the Intrastate Universal Service Fund (USF).

Presently, a hearing before the Commission is scheduled for April 19, 2007, to address proposed modifications to the guidelines for the USF. NuVox, by Petition filed February 1, 2007, and CompSouth, by Petition filed February 7, 2007, are petitioning to intervene in the docket. By their Petitions, NuVox and CompSouth are requesting to be made parties of record, which would allow them to fully participate and take such positions as they deem advisable in this and future proceedings in this matter. Significantly, neither corporate Petitioner existed at the time of the establishment of this Docket.

Upon consideration of the Petitions and the representations contained therein, the Commission finds and concludes that the Petitions of NuVox and CompSouth to

intervene out of time should be granted. The Commission discerns no prejudice to any party by granting NuVox's and CompSouth's Petitions, nor has any party expressed any opposition to the Petitions.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. NuVox Communications, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene Out of Time is granted.
2. Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene Out of Time is granted.
3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

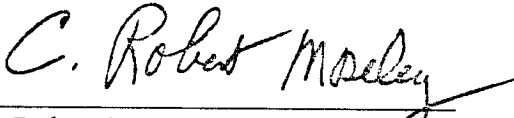
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



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C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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